

(1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Judges of the People's Court", said new section to be known as Section 716CC, and to follow immediately after Section 716C of said Article 4, providing for deposit of money in lieu of replevin bond, under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Judges of the People's Court", said new section to be known as Section 716CC, and to follow immediately after Section 716C of said Article 4 and to read as follows:

716CC. In any action of replevin not brought on a conditional sales contract, the plaintiff, or any person on his behalf, may deposit with the Chief Constable in lieu of a replevin bond and subject to such conditions as the Court may by rule prescribe, a sum of money in cash equal to the value of the specific article or articles of property intended to be replevied plus costs of the proceedings, or if such article or articles of property are held by a defendant claiming a lien thereon, then a sum of money in cash equal to the amount claimed by the defendant plus costs of the proceedings, in the latter case if, at the time the writ is served, the defendant claims the ownership of the property held, or if the defendant claims a greater sum to be due than the amount of the deposit, the Constable serving the writ shall not execute the writ, but shall summon the defendant to appear for a hearing before the Court on a day to be fixed in the original writ, which shall not be less than three days after the issuing of the writ. At such hearing, whether or not defendant appears, the Judge hearing the matter shall have power to order that the writ be executed, on such terms as will, on the facts then before him indemnify the defendant; and if when such case is heard, it appears to the Judge that the defendant has no lien upon or ownership in said goods, the deposit made in lieu of bond shall be refunded to the person having made said deposit.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1943.

Approved May 6, 1943.

CHAPTER 554.

(House Bill 553)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Police",